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University of Montana gymnasts will compete in a triangular meet with Eastern Washington State College and Spokane Community College this Saturday at 1 p.m. in Cheney, Wash.

Head Coach Sharon Dinkel said that the triangular meet is psychologically important because it is the last meet before regionals, March 11th-12th in Missoula.

"If we beat EWSC or come close to them, we will be better prepared for regionals," she said.

EWSC has beaten the UM team twice this season and the only all-around gymnast to defeat Marsha Hamilton is EWSC's Linda Chulos. Chulos defeated Hamilton by five-hundredths of a point at the Feb. 5th meet in Seattle, Wash.

UM will meet the SCC team for the first time this season at Saturday's meet. Dinkel said that she expects them to be a strong team. SCC will also be at regionals.

UM's ~~team~~ preparation for the Cheney meet, Dinkel said, will concentrate on improving competition performances. UM scores have suffered because of the lack of consistency between practice and competition, she said.

Dinkel added that it is doubtful that Gail Dana will perform at regionals because of an injured knee. Now, the UM team will have only five gymnasts competing at regionals on the uneven bars.

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